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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT ON CYPRUS

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON CYPRUS WAS PROMINENT AND LARGELY CRITICAL. MOST PAPERS EMPHASIZED WHAT THEY CHARACTERIZED UNCLASSIFIED

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AS "THREAT" CONTAINED IN STATEMENT IN REPORT THAT IF TALKS ARE NOT RESUMED, DE FACTO DIVISION OF ISLAND COULD FURTHER SOLIDIFY. PAPERS ALSO CRITICIZED PRESIDENT'S REMARK THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS REPRESENTED AN ADVANCE. SOCIALIST WEEKLY ANEXRTITOS REFERRED TO REPORT AS "OPEN AND UNDISGUISED CYNICISM; COMMUNIST DIMOKRATIKI

CALLED IT "BLACKMAIL." GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON REPORT.

- 2. THE REPORT RECEIVED TOP PROMINENCE IN TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS. TWO THEMES WERE HIGHLIGHTED: (1) THE LATEST TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE MORE DEVELOPED AND DETAILED THAN EARLIER TURKISH PROPOSALS AND PROVIDE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION, (2) FAILURE TO RESUME TALKS DEEPENS THE DE FACTO PARTITION OF THE ISLAND. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS YET.
- 3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FROM DEPT. TEXT OF PRESIDENTS REPORT ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN RELEASED HERE BY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE. WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION OF TEXT. STONE

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